

MARCH 10, 2024

# Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

Indeed the mystery of Christ runs the risk of being disbelieved precisely because it is so incredibly wonderful- St. Cyril of Alexandria



## 2024 Confirmandi

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Ella <b>FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI</b> Barone	Lucas <b>ANDREW</b> Hodak	Brianna <b>CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA</b> Ponce
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Daniel <b>MATTHEW</b> Eterno	Edgar <b>ANTHONY</b> Morales	Giada <b>ELIZABETH</b> Vari
Jessica <b>ELIZABETH OF HUNAGRY</b> Garcia	Naylani <b>GEMMA GALGANI</b> Negron	Catherine <b>CATHERINE OF SIENA</b> Williams
Vincent <b>LUKE</b> Gennett		

# Mass Intentions for March 11 - March 17 2024

Day	Time	Presider	Intentions
March 11	8:00am	Fr. Novick	St. Cletus Parishioners
March 12	8:00am	Fr. Romero	St. Cletus Parishioners
March 13	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Chester Matiasek, Robert Thomas
March 14	8:00am	Fr. Novick	St. Cletus Parishioners
March 15	8:00am	Fr. Kalas	Louie Marasovic, Evelyn Prevenas, Eugene J. Bastedo
March 16	5:00pm	Fr. Belauskas	Diane Madsen, James Chiostrri, Robert Piest, Anne and Chester Koziol, Eugene and Barbara Koziol
March 17	7:15am	Fr. Belauskas	Julia Kopacz, Eugene J. Bastedo
	8:45am	Fr. Kalas	Marykay and Frank Rios(Special Intention)
	10:30am	Fr. Lodge	Stacy and John Baker, Joanne Sourek, Brian Patrick Freeman, Mary
	12:30pm	Fr. Plovanich	Francis Clark, Por las benditas almas del purgatorio, Jose Zavala

**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

We always welcome names for the sick. Please note that requests must only be made by the individual or an immediate family member. Names will remain in this prayer list for 3 months.

**March - James Phelan, Brandon Babinsky**

**February -**

**January - Mary Ann Bamberger, Eugene Bastedo**  
 Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound unable to attend Mass.

**JOIN US THIS SUNDAY AT 4PM!**



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THEIR FAMILIES...**

**James Moran**  
 Husband of Catherine Moran  
**May he rest in peace....**

**JOIN US THIS FRIDAY!**



# Pastor's Note

*The Lord said to Samuel;  
"Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way.  
I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem,  
for I have chosen my king from among his sons."  
1 Samuel 16:1b.*

Dear Friends,

It is with gratitude and joy that I share with you that Cardinal Blase Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago, will be visiting our parish on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024. During his visit, he will celebrate a Mass for us, join us at the reception after Mass (Parish Center), and speak with you at one-on-one level. I consider Cardinal Cupich's visit as a blessing.

Following the discernment and recommendation of a special committee (Parishioners/Staff) that was established for this special occasion, I am happy to let you know that on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, our Sunday Mass schedule will be as follows: 7:15 AM, 8:45 AM and 11:00 AM. Cardinal Cupich will be the principal celebrant and homilists of our 11:00 AM Mass which will be in English and Spanish. This is truly an opportunity for us to pray well together as one vibrant community of faith with our shepherd. In advance, I would like to thank you for your prayer, cooperation, and support.

Yesterday (3/9) 97 children from our parish received the sacrament of Confirmation at a special Mass celebrated at 1:00 PM by Most Rev. Daniel Turley. I would like to congratulate our children for joyfully receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. They took seriously their confirmation preparation. They made the time to grow in prayer and friendship with Jesus. They embraced openly the encouragements they received from their parents, teachers, catechists, and friends. I am confident that they will remain close to the Lord who loves them. I offer my sincere gratitude to all who offered them accompaniment, encouragement, and love.

Our recent training for current and new altar servers went well. We had a few children who successfully completed their training under the leadership and guidance of Deacon Santos Gutierrez who was assisted by Norma Hernandez. It is encouraging and humbling to see our children who want to serve at Mass as altar servers. The witness they give us at each Mass is profound and moving. As I thank each of them, I also would like to offer my sincere gratitude to their parents. They know their children and eagerly support the desire of their children to serve as altar servers. Please hold them in prayer and feel free to thank them at the end of Mass.

Our third amazing annual Lenten Fish Fry is next Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, which is sponsored by St. Cletus Father's Club. It will be held in our Parish Center starting at 4:30 PM. I am aware that the members of the Father's Club want us all to come together as a parish/school family, enjoy a delicious fish fry, and grow in friendship with each other. I am encouraged by their dedication, generosity, and leadership. Please hold them in prayer and I will see you at the Fish Fry.


A week ago (February 25<sup>th</sup>-March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024) I was able to complete my yearly retreat. A retreat is an opportunity for deepening in our faith, relationship with the Lord, and being in closer touch with our heart. Another important component of a retreat is the ability to rest. This is an area in my life where I need prayer since by nature I am an action-oriented person. It is for this reason that I chose to read "Thoughts In Solitude," a book written by Thomas Merton. He has been a huge influencer in my life. I have a deep admiration for his vocation, priesthood, and deep and thoughtful writings. It was a good retreat. Thank you kindly for your prayers.

As we embrace the Fourth Sunday of Lent, let us ask the Lord to fill our hearts with the oil of his love.

Fr. Elmer Romero

**SPECIAL WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

DATE & TIME	LANGUAGE	CELEBRANT
APRIL 6TH, 5:00PM	ENGLISH	FR. JOHN LODGE
APRIL 7TH, 7:15 AM	ENGLISH	FR. MICHAEL NOVICK
APRIL 7TH, 8:45 AM	ENGLISH	FR. ELMER ROMERO
APRIL 7TH, 11:00AM	ENGLISH/SPANISH	CARDINAL BLASE CUPICH, ARCHBISHOP OF CHICAGO



## Note From Father Mike

### Covenant 4

Noah. The rainbow.

Abraham. Isaac.

Moses. The Ten Commandments.

This week, our series on the covenant takes a bit of a twist as we are given another piece of how God shows us His part of the covenant to be our God, but it comes through someone no one in that time would have expected to be the prophetic voice of man – King Cyrus of Persia. Most people hear that name and think “who is THAT?” Or, “how can a Persian be a prophet?”

The passage from the Second Book of Chronicles comes to us as the Israelites are in exile in Babylon. They were taken by force and couldn't understand why God would abandon them to the power of an enemy. But this is where we see what happens every so often with the Israelites. They get to be a little complacent with God and begin to be disobedient to the covenant. So the enemy even destroys their temple. That would have been considered a huge sign that God had abandoned them. And yet, God stepped in again to change that perception. In His own way, God lets the Israelites know that He never left them by inspiring King Cyrus to not only allow the Israelites to return to their homeland, but to decree the building and restoration of the Temple once destroyed.

**“All the kingdoms of the earth  
the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me,  
and he has also charged me to build him a house  
in Jerusalem, which is in Judah.  
Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people,  
let him go up, and may his God be with him!”**

So what does that have to do with us?

It has everything to do with the modern times.

Quite often we feel like God has abandoned us for various reasons. “What did I do to deserve this? Why is God punishing me? Why has God abandoned His Church? How does God continue to let human trafficking to continue being a major issue when it's so against everything He stands for?” Yet, in any of these questions which we and so many others ask, God lets us know through many signs (and from many unlikely sources) that He, in fact, has never left us. It is WE who become blind to His presence in the world.

When I hear about a child being born pre-maturely who becomes a miracle for their parents, I get a feeling and sense that God still knows what He is doing and that He alone is in charge. Those who are disobedient to what God commands WILL be dealt with in the end. Abominations like human trafficking are deplorable because while God creates us in His image and likeness, other beings of the same species treat another as objects – as if they have no soul. And forcing someone to do some sort of evil is far more evil than what a victim is forced to do. It's sick.

God's covenantal love for us is always going to be in the signs He gives us. Look to listen to someone who is joining the Church at Easter, or for someone who might be new to St. Cletus. Maybe instead of looking FOR sign of God, consider being the sign of God's love for all people.

Remember, God is relational before rational. Jesus walks among us always.

Fr. Mike



# Sunday Notes

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-2

**Monday:** Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-5

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

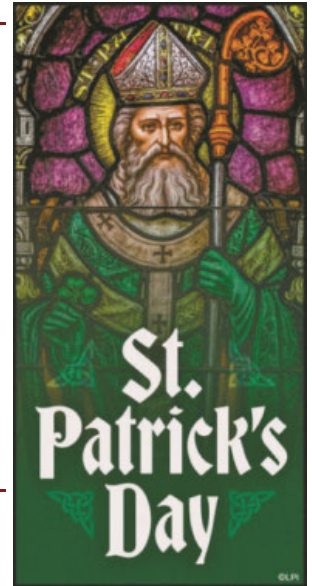
**Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

**Next Sunday:** Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Lent, Daylight Savings Time Begins

**Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Lent, St. Patrick's Day



## LENTEN CHALLENGE

This week, I invite you to give up the delicious experience of condemning whomever in the world you most would like to see gone. Perhaps write down their names. Secondly, I invite you to consider fasting from any media that feeds the tasty but deadly tendency to condemn



# Eucharistic Revival

## “Both/And,” Not “Either/Or”

Author F. Scott Fitzgerald once wrote that “the test of a first-rate intelligence is the ability to hold two opposed ideas in the mind at the same time, and still retain the ability to function.” Catholicism is full of such paradoxes, leading theologians to refer to the “both/and” quality of our faith.



You’ll find examples of “both/and” theology everywhere. We rely on the authority of “scripture and tradition” (contra Luther’s insistence on *sola scriptura!*). Human persons are both “body and soul,” not reducible to either. We are both created in God’s image and also are marked by original sin. We both have a fallen nature and are redeemed by grace. It’s “both/and,” not “either/or.”

The Eucharist is full of “both/and” realities. Jesus is both human and divine, able to enter into our suffering and redeem us through his sacrifice. He is both the high priest and the sacrificial victim. The Eucharist is both a foretaste of the heavenly banquet and a sacrificial offering. It is both under the appearance of bread and substantially Jesus’ body.

We sometimes fall short of Fitzgerald’s “first-rate intelligence” by leaning too heavily toward one side of these paradoxes. But there’s a richness to the challenge of holding both sides in tension. As you reflect on the Eucharist, consider which sides of the “both/ands” you gravitate toward and which sides you might need to explore further. The depths of God’s goodness and truth can never be exhausted!

# Lenten Reconciliation

Come and experience the gift of God's boundless mercy.



Monday, March 11th, 2024  
7:00 PM  
St. Cletus Parish  
600 W. 55th St.  
La Grange, IL 60525



Monday, March 18, 2024  
7:00 PM  
St. Francis Xavier Parish  
124 N. Spring Ave.  
La Grange, IL 60525

## Lenten Reconciliation Prayer Service

### Anointing of the Sick

ST. CLETUS PARISH  
600 W. 55TH ST. LA GRANGE, IL 60525

# MASS WITH THE *Anointing* OF THE SICK



SATURDAY,  
APRIL 6, 2024



10:00AM

*Register  
Now*

JOIN US FOR A  
LIGHT LUNCH  
AFTER MASS



## Lenten Reflection

We are, believe it or not, into the second half of Lent. There's still time to pick up on our Lenten praxes, if you haven't started anything yet. We have talked about Prayer and Fasting, and I wanted to talk about Almsgiving, another form of self-sacrifice.

Jesus told us to take care of the poor, and Almsgiving has been a Christian practice since the beginning. Almsgiving is just another word for charity. What can we do to help the poor, the lonely, the stranger in our midst? Have you donated to the Food Pantry or other ministries lately? Are you filling your Rice Bowl? Charity does not have to involve money, either. Can you volunteer somewhere? Have you raked your neighbor's yard, or brought them something you baked, or given them a ride somewhere? These should really be year round activities for us, but they are especially important to carry out during Lent.

Two weekends ago our OCIA participants and their sponsors, and the pastoral associates from the three parishes in our cluster participated in the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion at Holy Name Cathedral. This is always a high point of my year and is a beautiful liturgy where the parishes of the Archdiocese present their candidates who wish to become Catholic at this year's Easter Vigil to the bishop. The representatives from the parishes assert that the candidates are ready, the candidates assert that they are ready, and the bishop accepts them. It is a lovely, happy day, with beautiful music, and this year sunshine poured through the stained glass windows of the Cathedral. Many of the people there had never been in the Cathedral before, and the staff of the Cathedral made a special effort to make everyone feel welcome. We sometimes lose sight of the fact that the Catholic Church is bigger than our own parish, and it's good to be reminded of that. In Chicago there are four of these Rites held each year, and the Cathedral is packed at each one. It is so wonderful, and so hopeful, to see all these people (we had heard there were 500 candidates at our rite) who want to become part of the church, from all parts of the Archdiocese and speaking a number of different languages. It's wonderful to think that our participants are part of a far greater number, and I'm so happy for all of them.

Starting last week we have had our Lenten Scrutiny Rites at the 10:30 mass, and we invite you to join us then. This Rite invites the Holy Spirit to look into the hearts of those who want to be Catholic and fix anything that needs to be fixed there. In the same way, the entire assembly is healed in this rite. We would love to have you come and meet our OCIA participants, who will be joining the community at the Easter Vigil.

Next week we'll talk some more about those OCIA participants, and how they are a part of everyone's Lent.

**Tina Norton, Pastoral Associate**

## Help Us Live Stream Masses!

We have been live-streaming our 5 PM Saturday Mass for some time already. We have also live-streamed other events, such as the Evenings of Reflection and other Masses. Many people who are homebound watch our live streams. Many others access our recordings later to hear a homily or a presenter.

For those unfamiliar with this terminology, this is the process by which we use our own camera system in the church to broadcast a live image and sound of our celebration to the Internet. Viewers can access this live video and sound feed through YouTube.

Of course, live streaming takes a lot of time and effort, and we currently depend on just three volunteers to make this possible. We need more people to assist us with this so we may continue offering it to our community regularly.

If you are willing to be trained and can devote a couple of hours a week on a rotation basis, please contact me. I would love to hear from you—no prior experience is required.

**Blessings, Deacon Franco 708-968-6070 (direct line)**









# School News

## LIVING STATIONS

Our 8th graders carried on a beautiful tradition last week as they put together the living stations of the cross for our students. It is always such a meaningful and moving experience. Thank you to Mr. Nowakowski for the time and effort he put in with the students and to our 8th graders for not only presenting a beautiful living stations, but for holding the moment in the reverence it deserves.



## MARCH D4D IS CRUMBL COOKIES!



# ST. CLETUS SCHOOL FSA MARCH D4D



Order Form/Money due by Monday, March 11th  
 Pick up cookies Thursday, March 14th between 2 & 6:30pm in the school lobby.

Flavors: Milk Chocolate Chip, Mallow Crème ft. Lucky Charms, Green Sugar, Brownie Batter

🍀 Order a box of delicious cookies that include 2 St. Patrick's Day themed cookies! 🍀

**St. Cletus will receive \$5 for every box sold**  
**\$18 4-pack cookies**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of 4-pack boxes: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of \$ enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_



Return forms to the school office  
 Please make checks payable to St. Cletus School

# Hispanic Ministry

FECHA-DATE	HORA-TIME	EVENTO-EVENT	LUGAR-PLACE
12 de marzo, 2024	7:00 p.m.	Adoración al Santísimo Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament	Iglesia Church
10 de marzo, 2024	12:30 p.m.	Misa en Español Spanish Mass	Iglesia Church
Segundo Sábado de cada mes Second Saturday of each month	8:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.	Adoración Nocturna Night Adoration	Iglesia Church



## ADORACIÓN NOCTURNA

Cada segundo sábado del mes el Ministerio Hispano lleva a cabo la Adoración Nocturna, comenzando con una Misa a las 8:00 p.m. seguido de la Adoración al Santísimo hasta las 5:00 a.m. Todos están invitados a participar.

## NOCTURNAL ADORATION

Every second Saturday of the month the Hispanic Ministry conducts Nocturnal Eucharistic Adoration, beginning with a Mass at 8:00 p.m. followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 5:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to participate.

## RETIRO CUARESIMAL

El sábado 16 de marzo, 2024 de 9:00 am a 2:00 pm. Se llevará a cabo un retiro cuaresmal aquí en la Parroquia de San Cleto. El tema será **¿COMO VIVO LA EUCARISTIA DURANTE LA CUARESMA?** Los invitados a participar en este retiro en donde estaremos reflexionando sobre la Eucaristía. Las formas de registración se encuentran a la entrada de la Iglesia. Para más información se pueden comunicar con Juanita Avila a la oficina del Ministerio Hispano. 708-215-5441

## LENT RETREAT

On Saturday, March 16, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. **A Spanish Lent retreat** will be held here at St. Cletus Parish. The topic will be **HOW DO I LIVE THE EUCHARIST DURING LENT?** Everyone is invited to participate in this retreat where we will be reflecting on the Eucharist. Registration forms are located at the entrance of the Church. For more information you can contact Juanita Avila at the Hispanic Ministry office. 708-215-5441

## REUNIÓN DE LECTORES HISPANOS

Habrà una reunión para todos los Lectores del Ministerio Hispano el lunes 18 de marzo, 2024 a las 7:00pm en el salón Gallagher. Compartiremos nuestras experiencias como lectores y tendremos reflexión teológica e histórica sobre la liturgia y el ministerio. Se les anima a todos los lectores a participar en esta reunión.

## HISPANIC LECTORS MEETING

There will be a meeting for all Lectors in the Hispanic Ministry on Monday, March 18, 2024 at 7:00pm in the Gallagher Room. We will share our experiences as Lectors and have theological and historical reflection on liturgy and ministry. All Lectors are encouraged to participate.

## VIA CRUCIS VIVIENTE

Estaremos realizando el Vía Crucis viviente en español el Viernes Santo, 29 de marzo de 2024 a las 11:00 a.m. en el Centro Pastoral. Por favor haga planes para ese día y únase a nosotros para recordar la crucifixión y muerte de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Todos están invitados.

## LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The living Stations of the Cross in Spanish will take place on Good Friday, March 29, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. in the Pastoral Center. Please plan for that day and join us in remembering the crucifixion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Everyone is invited



# Ministry News

## CCW PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE

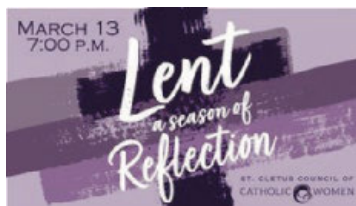


After 5 pm. mass on Sat. March 23 and after all masses on Sunday, March 24 (in conjunction with the Holy Name Pancake Breakfast.)

The CCW will be accepting baked/bought donations for our sale on Saturday: drop off times to 2pm-7pm and Sunday: drop off times of 7am to 10:30 am

## CCW MEETING

Wednesday, March 13 meeting, 7pm: A Lenten Evening of Reflection and Prayer. Gallagher Room of the Parish Center. Colleen Hagen our Spirituality Director will lead us in a Lenten evening of reflection and prayer.



## PURGATORIAL SOCIETY



"The three essential joys of purgatory are these: First, the certainty of their salvation. The holy souls know they are confirmed in grace, unable to sin or to be lost. The second joy of purgatory consists in expiation of one's faults. Sin constitutes a loathsome filth

in the soul, a sort of spiritual leprosy. If the cleansing of festering wounds brings relief, how much more must the souls in purgatory feel, who, having passed into eternity, now knows the ugliness of sin. Sin is insult, offense, injury to the majesty and holiness of God. The third joy is love of God. Love makes every sacrifice easier. The souls in purgatory love God with the most intense affection - and love desires sacrifice and immolation." ~ Blessed James Alberione Tassone, Susan, *Day by Day for the Holy Souls in Purgatory: 365 Reflections*, Our Sunday Visitor 2014

The St. Cletus Purgatorial Society currently has 54 prayer warriors praying for 555 holy souls. **Enroll your deceased loved ones AT NO COST**, become a member of the purgatorial society and join us in prayer for the holy souls! May purgatory be emptied!!! May no soul be forgotten!!!

Information pamphlet and enrollment forms can be found in the narthex or visit: <https://stcletusparish.com/purgatorialsociety/>

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Holy Name Society is having the yearly pancake breakfast on Palm Sunday, March 24. Please plan on attending before and after each Mass (7:15 am, 8:45 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.). Final seating is 12:00 p.m. We will be pre-selling tickets after all Masses on March 9/10 and 16/17. Any questions contact Mark Kursell 708-207-5634 or [mkursell@stcletusparish.com](mailto:mkursell@stcletusparish.com).

# Join Us March 20th

ST. CLETUS PARISH  
600 W. 55TH ST.  
LA GRANGE, IL 60525

## Evening of Prayer & Reflection

MARCH 20, 2024  
7:00 PM



*"The Catholic laitty: What are we actually supposed to do?"*

**Dr. Paul Hilliard**  
SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER



# Community News

## ENGAGE COMMUNITY – MARCH

**March 19:** 12-2 pm. Volunteer activity packing food at Feed My Starving Children, 740 Wiley Farm Court, Schaumburg. We will form a carpool for those interested. **NOTE: It is VERY important that you RSVP to Jane at [janeLGPark@gmail.com](mailto:janeLGPark@gmail.com) so that we can confirm our reserved spots. They are counting on us!** Please do so by March 11, sooner if possible! More info about FMSC here: <https://www.fmsc.org/get-involved/volunteer-info>

**March 28:** No regular meeting due to Holy Thursday

**April 11:** 11:30 Lunch at the Stadium Club at the Max, McCook. (separate checks)

**April 25:** 7:00 Regular Meeting, Unity Hall, Topic TBD

For questions or to RSVP, please email Jane at [janeLGPark@gmail.com](mailto:janeLGPark@gmail.com)

All are welcome. Engage is for adults; single, married, divorced, widowed, parishioners and visitors to foster Christian community through social and service events.

## WALK WITH JESUS

*Friday, March 22, 2024 at 10:30 am.*

Meditation Garden next to the Carmelite Spiritual Center

*Mass following at 11:30 am*

National Shrine of St. Therese

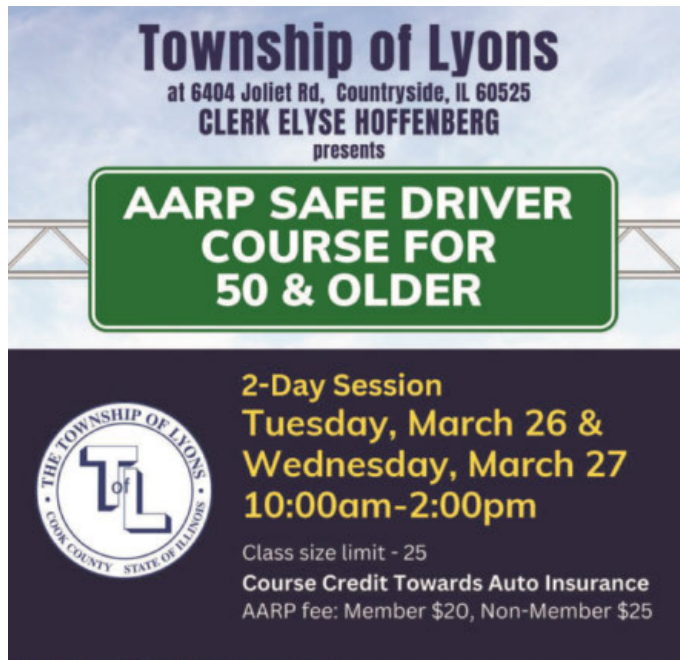
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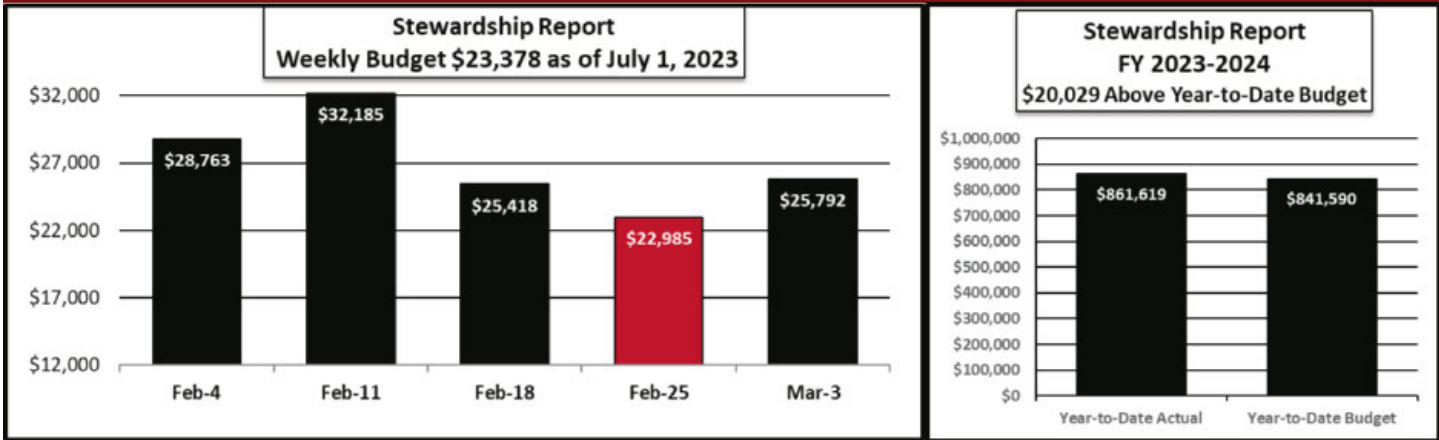




# Week At A Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, March 10	12am-5am	Church	Nocturnal Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament-Spanish
Monday, March 11	7pm	Church	Area Parishes Lenten Reconciliation
Tuesday, March 12	8am 7pm	Church Gallagher Room	Mass With School Children Bible Study
Wednesday, March 13	9am-12pm 1-1:45pm 7pm 8-10pm	Gallagher Room Church Gallagher Room Parish Center	Mission Ladies Living Rosary CCW Meeting School Fathers Basketball
Thursday, March 14	4-8pm	Food Pantry	Food Pantry Distribution
Friday, March 15	4:30pm 7-8pm	Parish Center Church	Fish Fry Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 16			
Sunday, March 17			

# Stewardship Report



**YEAR-END STATEMENT BY REQUEST ONLY**

As tax time approaches, we ask everyone who would like a year-end statement of their Year 2023 financial offering to the parish to fill out the form below and return it or simply call the office @ (708) 352-6209 with your request. You may also email [jdion@stcletusparish.com](mailto:jdion@stcletusparish.com) and submit your request electronically. Rather than mail statements to everyone in the parish, it seems more prudent and conservative to only mail them to those who need them for tax returns. Of course, your statement is available anytime a need for it may arise. Thank you.

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# St. Cletus Parish Information

## CONTACT US

Parish Center.....(708) 352-6209  
School .....(708) 352-4820  
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## PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

*Please note that all deliveries and inquiries should be made to the parish center office.*

Monday thru Friday ..... 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday .....Closed

## MASSES

Saturday Evening..... 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday .....7:15 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,  
..... 12:30 p.m. (SPANISH)  
Weekdays..... Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m.

## CONFESSIONS

Saturdays ..... 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

## BAPTISMS

Parents must be registered parishioners. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements at (708) 352-6209.

## WEDDINGS

Dates and times are reserved for registered parishioners. Initial arrangements must be completed five months in advance of the wedding date.

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## HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

Please contact the Ministry of Care Office .... (708) 352-6209

## STAFF

### PARISH STAFF

**Rev. Elmer Romero, Pastor**  
**Deacon Franco Foti, Operations Director**  
**Rev. Michael Novick, Associate Pastor**  
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## ST. CLETUS SCHOOL BOARD

Pastor ..... Fr. Elmer Romero  
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Athletic Association..... Tina Pryor

## PARISH MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

### Mission Statement

St. Cletus is a dynamic Catholic community dedicated to spreading the Good news of Jesus Christ through worship, education, and service.

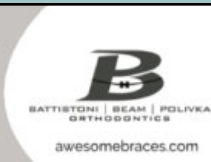
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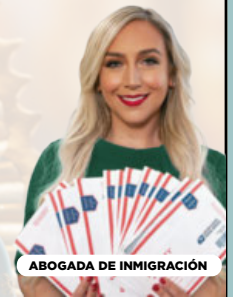


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